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9/23/87

Dear Mr. Davis,

This response to your letter of, I presume, yesterday or the day before but dated today, may be a bit disjointed because I'll be responding in bits and pieces. This is partly because I'm watching the Bork hearings and in part because I was not able to get to Hood and asked Jerry McKnight to broach the subject to his class. Unfortunately, his wife had a painful but not serious accident and I belive I'd best not intrude until I hear from him because he is now overloaded.

At the moment I'm not interested in Lloyd Cutler's testimony and I'll write until the questioning begins. My knowledge of Bork comes from experience with him on the bench and before the hearings began, from this experience, I was opposed to him. I'm also convinced that Reagan is packing the courts and I oppose that. So-

I checked te Dallas index, it holds several references to the lady, and I enclose copies of this cards. I experimented in making the copies because those are thick and heavy volumes and the Acco clips are smaller than the FBI should have used. I did learn that copies can be made without taking the volumes apart and I also learned that I'd have to be more careful in placing the material to be copied. The typing was too close to the clip and pressure will have to be employed if I do this in the future so the focus will not be fuzzy.

I also checked those files and I face a mystery. Clearly I have records in the serial range of the copy you sent, otherwise I could not have sent it to you. But when I checked the files of those two classifications, I saw nothing other than the files called Subs. By the time I did that I had to get off my feet.

This means either the cross reference sheets will have to be consulted, which I'm not inclined to believe will provide the answer, or the records originally withheld as "previou ly processed" when they had not been will have to be checked, or I'll have to look further to see if by some means the main and subfiles were not placed next to each other. Or, this is the kind of thing for which help is required.

The Savannah teletype ought be included in what I have but the only way I can locate it is to consult the document index and see if it is there or go through the main files beginning at the first inclusion of the date, neither of which I can now do.

As I believe I told you, I cannot locate a record by its FBI number if I have only the CD number. It is possible, I think probable, that such a list was made. If it was probably Jim Lesar can provide it. I'll try to remember next time we speak to ask him. He met me this morning when, as I do every six weeks, I was in far northwest D.C. for the surgeon who operated on me to examine my legs. Only this was not then in my mind.

If none of Jerry's students is interested I'll speak to a history professor at the local community college.

Resumed 9/27: Disturbed at not finding these "main" Dallas files I searched again and learned that the young women who established these files for me had simply reversed their order, placing the Subs first. 89-43- 7308 is a New Orleans teletype to FBIHQ, 8/8/67, 6 pages, previously processed and thus has to be located by a search of the cross-reference worksheets to identify the FBIHQ file number. 44-1639-404, New Orleans teletype to FBIHQ, 2 pp, 11-27/63, also previously processed. Serial 644 has been transferred from the main file to Sub 8, where I didn't take time to read that volume to locate it. It then may still be "previously processed. A separate sheet reports that the info in it was given to the Secret Service 6/11/66. That is a date that coincides with major attention to the books that followed mine, particularly Lane's and his extensive public appearances in which he spoke of Ruby. The date also coincides

approximately with the FBI's first knowledge of Garrison's activity, which was not public until about, from recollection, until 2/14/67.

I'm willing to do limited searching for you, as this reflects, but this little bit was as much as I'm up to at any effort.

Jerry McKnight did speak to his assassinations class for about five minutes about your offer. He had no response. so I presume that those of his students in it who are not continuing ed or older students do not need any supplement to their income from their parents. He will be speaking to several colleagues in the same department who will be requested to speak to their students.

Still later 9/26: McKnight, who has had to spend the weekend getting his garage ready for a new roof, told me tonight that after the class, a day or two later, two different students came in to ask for the job. After I make a preliminary inquiry I'll refer one or both to you. The one who asked first is a senior who has part-time work, needs more and has weekends or Sundays without her other work. The second woman is from India and other than that she is bright I know nothing about her yet. He is well impressed with both.

10/3. Sorry this has been so disjointed.

Amy Stevens, the first of the Hood students, called me and came out yesterday evening. She is bright and very interested in both the work and the income. She is working her way through college and needs all the income she can get.

I explained to her how the files are organized, showed her the locations and indicated how the searching will be done. After that we tried to phone you but there was no answer. She was going to see her family last night, to return after noon today, and was going to try to phone again. I'm favorably impressed with her.

What we decided last evening is that when she returns today she'll do the searching indicated. We'll then make and send copies.

Meanwhile, I'll not delay mailing this. We have a visitor who'll mail it for me. We are in the country and when our mail comes the rural carrier picks uo the outgoing mail. Your letter of the 30th asks for the search Amy will make if and when she gets back today.

She can work Saturdays and Sundays and is but 10 minutes from here.

I asked her to speak to her Indian classmate who expressed an interest to learn if she has a car and would be interested if there is more than Amy can do.

Suncerely,

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